

August 1, 2019

Honorable Bill Jahn  
Chair, Regional Council  
Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)  
900 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1700  
Los Angeles, CA 90017

RE: Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Methodology

The League of Women Voters of Santa Monica is concerned about the current options set forth in the RHNA methodology and supports the suggested changes proposed by Professor Paavo Monkkonen in his letter dated July 29, 2019.

The options utilizing local input and recent building permit activity would not adequately assess our housing growth needs. Additionally, those options would not lead to housing growth in the jobs and transit rich areas that need it, but rather direct growth to areas with unsafe levels of air pollution and heat stress, few job opportunities and long commutes.

As recommended by Professor Monkkonen, the housing distribution should take into account the jobs-housing imbalance, social equity, and environmental sustainability.

The League also supports increasing the Social Equity Adjustment (SEA) to 200% as proposed by Dr. Monkkonen and representatives of Long Beach.

We urge you to take the above factors into consideration as you decide how to proceed with the Regional Housing Needs Assessment methodology.

Thank you,

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